

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Address November 3, 2017 Championing Healthy Kids & Vital Health Programs

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Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

This morning, the House voted to pass legislation that includes provisions for some of our nation's most important public health programs. Most notably, this bill funds the state Children's Health Insurance Program for the next five years, which will ensure that children and families who rely on this program will continue to receive the access they need.

The bill also includes a fiscally-responsible way to delay harmful Obamacare-mandated cuts to safety net hospitals that provide care to underserved patients, and provides funding for community health centers. These priorities will help North Texans, and Americans across our country, who rely on these vital health services.

Not only does this bill provide assistance for underserved populations, but it does so without adding to the national debt. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget called this a "responsible health package." They note that the \$18 billion cost of the bill is fully offset with savings beyond the ten-year budget window.

Other groups also have given support behind this commonsense legislation, including the Texas Hospital Association, Texas Health Resources, and a number of other significant health care groups.

Improving access to care is an important priority for me, and for the Health Subcommittee that I chair. This bill is a big win for the Texans who rely on CHIP, a win for healthcare providers, and a win for the American people. Moving forward,

I will continue to work to find commonsense solutions to make health care better in our country.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your concerns on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, and as the song says, God bless you Texas